

PAPATOETOE CRIME WATCH PATROL INCORPORATED

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SECOND TEMPLE VISIT – Dunnotar Street, Papatoetoe

Here we are Easter Sunday morning and the weather is clearing so off to the next Temple to join with the Police.

We start to unload the cars and are told to wait as this is the day that they are going to take the flag down from on top of the building and wash the flagpole and changed the flag (this is done once a year).

They get the ladder up against the verandah and the heavens open and it starts to rain – heavy. They go ahead and get up and bring the flagpole down – having to maneuver around the cars that due to rain have parked as close to the temple as possible. So they take the flagpole under the verandah and whilst praying they untie and take off the old flag and with cloths and buckets of water they pray as they wash the flagpole.



PHOTO ONE – Constable Jag Singh/Acting Inspector Glossop/ Joy Fisher/Constable Mandeep Kaur/Constable Lavleen Kaur)

The flagpole is then put back up on the roof, yes it is still raining! OSH would have a field day as they had no safety equipment!!!!

Now we can get ourselves set up again with CPNZ; police and Neighbourhood support banners. As they are going in some people take pamphlets but we know that after prayers is the busiest time.

We are then invited in to have morning tea; this week we are served our food.

Back outside it is still raining and Acting Inspector Glossop decided that we should put the Crime Car up beside us on the footpath, to shelter us a little from the rain as we are getting wet and cold, but we also move one table over to where they had washed the flagpole.

Acting Inspector David Glossop and Constable Mandeep Kaur go inside the Temple as they are asked and tell the people why we are there. This is well received and as they come out, we have found the stickers for the children and we get swamped by them and their parents coming for information and giving us names so they can join the Groups. They are all wanting to take photos (or have photos taken) of themselves with the Police; we oblige as it is part of the PR work we are doing

Our day here is cut short due to the rain and cold but once again it has been very productive and interesting. Our shoes were not cleaned at this Temple, mind you it really is a much small Temple and they do not really have a place for this to be done.



Karnail Singh – a very proud member of our Papatoetoe Patrol (also a Victim Support Volunteer) who has been a great help explaining protocol.



Constable Jag Singh, Acting Inspector David Glossop and Constable Mandeep Kaur with Temple members, sheltering from the rain.



Constable Mandeep Kaur explaining our presence to a lady.



Our table was a busy spot.



Constables Lavleen Kaur and Jag Singh with Temple members.



Constable Jag Singh and Acting Inspector David Glossop with a small girl so proud of her stickers.



Police and patrollers talking to Temple members; member in front was talking to a small child who is obscured.